



## Patient agreement

# **Digital mammography**

Dear patient, you are here for an X-ray-examination of the breast. To be able to evaluate this examination, we kindly ask you to answer the following questions.

If yes, please indicate their relationship to you (mother, sister, cousin)?

Last name, first name Is this your first mammography? yes no If no, when and where did you have this examination? Date of birth Have you already had any breast surgery? **Date of examination** yes no If yes, when?

Are you pregnant? yes Which breast was involved? When was your last menstrual period?

Was cancer found? If yes, what follow-up-treatment At which age did you have your first menstrual period? was done?

Have you noticed any changes in your breast? (e.g. lumps, any changes of the skin, any visible

Is there any nipple discharge?

no

Are you currently taking any hormones (e.g. pill)?

yes

Has any blood relative had cancer?

breast cancer ovarian cancer no



### We would like to advise you of the following

#### Compression

Despite modern techniques and reduced compression, you may find the procedure uncomfortable or even painful (in particular when your breast had been treated before.) Compression is necessary, to minimize the dose of radiation. If you have too much discomfort, please do not hesitate to inform the technician. Only special qualified technicians are allowed to carry our mammograms.

#### **Digital mammography**

Digital mammography uses specially designed digital detectors to produce an image that can be displayed on a high-resolution computer monitor. These images can also be transmitted or stored just like computer files. In contrast to the conventional mammography the dose of radiation could be reduced significantly and produces high-resolution images. Clinical experience shows that particularly in dense tissue, digital mammography is superior to the conventional and has greatly enhanced the ability to detect breast cancers at earlier stages.

#### **Quality assurance**

Our mammographic equipment meets with the Europe-an guidelines for quality assurance in mammography screening (breast cancer prevention)! Our radiologists who are responsible for the diagnoses, are highly qualified. (i.e. successful participation in checks of qualifications by the Medical Association.) In addition, we participate in the voluntary certification by QRS (external quality assurance) since 1999. We have received the certification "Highest image quality with minimum radiation exposure" each year. Furthermore, regular internal quality management takes place by trained personnel. Each mammogram is basically diagnosed by at least 2 radiologists.

## I agree to the suggested examination/ mammography

Place, Date

Signature of the patient or legal guardian.

Signature of the radiologist